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# AER provides spouses money for education

By Bernard J. Delahunty  
Deputy Director of Education, EUSA

For many years Army spouses complained that while the Air Force Aid Society provided tuition assistance for college courses to Air Force spouses, and the Marine Corps Relief Society provided educational assistance for Marine spouses, no such program was available to Army spouses.

In late July 1996 Joe M. Cothron, Eighth U.S. Army Director of Education, launched an initiative to provide this benefit for Army spouses. At first the Army Emergency Relief Board of Managers resisted this initiative on the grounds that this mandate was not included in the scope of the Army Emergency Relief Charter. With some reluctance, under persistent pressure from Cothron, in the fall of 1997 the board

finally agreed to conduct a pilot AER Spouse Education Assistance Program choosing Germany as the pilot site.

In November 1999 the Army Emergency Relief Board of Managers expanded the program to Korea, Japan and Okinawa.

Eligibility for financial aid is need based and helps defray the costs of undergraduate level college courses, both academic and vocational/technical, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support DANTES courses and tests for college credit, high school completion courses/GED Testing, and English as a Second Language studies. Financial assistance is not available for graduate level courses or to enable a spouse to get a second undergraduate degree.

The program covers up to 50 percent of tuition plus text books/fees, up to a

maximum of \$350 per academic term, with an annual "cap" of \$1,750. Here in Korea the academic year consists of five terms of eight weeks duration.

All spouses, including noncommand-sponsored spouses, are eligible for AERSEAP.

Deadline dates for application submission for Academic Year 2001-2002 are: Term 1 - July 23, 2001; Term 2 - Oct. 1, 2001; Term 3 - Dec. 17, 2001; Term 4 - Feb. 25, 2002 and Term 5 - May 6, 2002

Interested soldiers and their spouses should visit their local Army Education Center or Army Community Services to pick up an application form and get more information. Current criteria for AERSEAP eligibility, application information and application forms are available on the AER website at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org)

## Army runners finish on top

Three women from Yongson Army Post, Seoul finished in the top 30 runners at the 4th Annual Microsoft-USO 10 Miler held May 6 at the Pentagon, Washington, DC. All armed services, 1,849 strong, participated in the race and the Army victoriously placed first in the military men and women competitions.

Second Lt. Jessica Umentum, 25th Transportation finished at 1:07, SSG Theresa Bluebird, HHP, 516th PSB finished at 1:09 and Maj. Sylvia Bennett, HHC, Eighth U.S. Army finished at 1:11.

In the men's competition, seven Army and one Marine Corps member finished in the top 20 (overall) out of 1164 male runners. The Army team consisted of runners from Fort Carson, Fort Bragg, Fort Drum and the Military District of Washington. Their team winning time was 2:38:57. Air Force and Navy members trailed close behind.

In the women's competition, 10 Army and 3 Marine Corps members finished in the top 30 (overall) out of 685 female runners. The Army team consisted of runners from United States Forces Korea, Fort Bragg, Fort Drum and Military District of Washington. Their team winning time was 3:24:46, followed by women from the Marine Corps.

This is the second year in a row the Army has come out on top in both competitions. (Courtesy SSG Theresa Bluebird)



*The Korean Military Honor Guard presents a drill ceremony at Peace Square at the Yongsan War Memorial beside Yongsan Main Post. The honor guard consists of ROK Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine elements. The ceremony begins with a military band performance and continues with a demonstration of various drills. The hour-long ceremony is held at 2 p.m. every Friday (10 a.m. July and September), except January, February and August.*

Pic. Kim, Nam Kwan



Bob Warner

## Birthday invitation

*Venerable Lee, Won-hang, chief priest of Go-ryung Temple in South Korea, chats with (from left) Pvt. Trenton Stoltenberg, Capt. Alex Arnold and Sgt. 1st Class Luis Colindres, three of 24 Americans Lee invited to observe Buddha's birthday festivities at the temple. At right is Ko Tal-son, community relations officer at Camp Long where the U.S. troops are based.*

# Osan named Tree City USA

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — The National Arbor Day Foundation named Osan Air Base as a Tree City USA recently.

Recognized last year as the first base in Asia as a Tree City, this is the second year in a row the base has received this national recognition.

"Tree City recognizes communities that have a program for planting and caring for trees," said 1st Lt. Nichole Francisco, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron conservation resources element chief. "One benefit of (Osan) applying for Tree City was the formation of a Tree Board that is responsible for the protection, maintenance and enhancement of the urban forestry program."

Although Osan is not in the United States, tree conservation can happen anywhere in the world.

# AAFES changes overseas gasoline pricing

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will implement one overseas gas price policy May 10. Under the new policy, the sell prices for gasoline and diesel fuel are established by grade, based on the Department of Energy averages from the previous month, plus each region's incremental dispensing costs.

The purpose of the new policy is to have a consistent pricing policy and a policy that minimizes big price fluctuations from year to year. Gasoline is priced in the world market daily. As such, having a year-long price is antiquated and simply not realistic. This is the reason for the big fluctuations seen in the past. The new policy will minimize that effect.

"Though our first price adjustment under this new policy results in a price increase, we feel over time, this policy will benefit our customers by allowing us to provide cost reductions much

quicker than the old policy," said Col. Les Chang, AAFES Pacific Region commander.

Effective May 10, the gas prices for the remaining month of May were \$1.67 for regular unleaded, \$1.85 for premium and \$1.55 for diesel. The current prices are \$1.56 for regular gasoline, \$1.61 for premium and \$1.46 for diesel. "The prices will be adjusted up or down, on the first of each month hereafter," said Chang.

In the past, each AAFES region, (Pacific and Europe) determined overseas gasoline prices. The price and frequency of change varied between the regions, usually depending on local situations. "For example, in Korea, we changed the price with each purchase," said Chang. "In Japan, however, the price was fixed once a year by contract, and not adjusted as prices dropped or raised in the stateside market," said Chang.

Today, with American Forces Network, cable television and the internet keeping us overseas informed of what's happening stateside, our customers may expect prices to rise and fall depending on what they hear is the trend in the states.

With that in mind, "AAFES determined that it needed one consistent overseas gasoline pricing policy, to include Europe, that would make these adjustments," said Chang.

"This new policy should eliminate large price fluctuations and provide timely price reductions when possible," said Chang.

"It's important for our customers to know that we strive to provide the best products and services at the best prices possible," said Chang. "We're confident that this new pricing policy will do that by providing more consistent and timely pricing adjustments." (*Courtesy AAFES Public Affairs*)



# Teams place at Bataan Memorial Death March

**By Capt. Curtis Roberts and  
Pvt. Rebecca Steed  
2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs**

The 13th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March was held April 1, at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The event is sponsored by White Sands Missile Range and was re-formed in 1992 to honor the 16,000 gallant soldiers who fought against all odds at Bataan, Philippines, 1942.

Participants were not all U.S. service members. Civilians also entered the march. There were teams from Great Britain, Guam, Germany and the Republic of Korea.

Soldiers stationed in Korea had to qualify and be among the top ten finishers in order to be a part of the two teams sponsored by Eighth Army, said LaBudde. Tryouts for two spots in the Military Female Heavy (individual) category were also held. They qualified by going on a 13-mile march while carrying a 35-pound rucksack.

The 10 qualifiers to compete in the Team Military Male Heavy category were organized into two teams — one representing Eighth U.S. Army and another 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry.

The EUSA team was comprised of Capt. Mark Crisman, 1st Lts. Chris

Harris and Kent Solheim, and Staff Sgts. Kevin LaBudde and Jason Clark.

The 1/503rd ID was comprised of Capts. Chad Quayle and Osvaldo Ortiz, 1st Lts. Zachary Hohn and John Jeffery and 2nd Lt. Charles Romero.

Spec. Wanda Cruz, a light wheeled vehicle mechanic in B Company, 302nd Forward Support Battalion and 2nd Lt. Sara Love, a platoon leader in E Company, 702nd Main Support Battalion qualified to compete in the the Military Female Heavy (individual) category.

Individual preparation for this vigorous event began long before the tryouts. Those selected to compete had only one month to condition themselves for the rigors of White Sands.

The day finally arrived where sweat would meet sand, and participants were ready to put their hard training to the test.

The course started out on flat ground and remained level through the seventh mile. Then the course took a harsh turn.

Miles eight through 13 constituted a continuous uphill climb on a paved road. Miles 13 through 21 had continuous washouts that were up and down in elevation, said 1st Lt. Christopher Harris, logistics officer with HHC, 1st Bn., 503rd Inf.

The halfway point of the course was a telling milestone for many of the participants.

From the 13 to the 17-mile point, the course was generally downhill.

“At the 23-mile point, I got hard on the team and forced them to run,” said Crisman. “The Brits were only 500 meters behind us, and I told them, ‘I’m not going to let the British beat us.’”

“From mile 23 to the finish we were all working and pushing



*Courtesy photos*

**Staff Sgt. Kevin LaBudde, 1st Lt. Christopher Harris, Capt. Mark Crisman, Staff Sgt. Jason Clark and 1st Lt. Kent Solheim, the Eighth U.S. Army team near the finish line of the annual Bataan Memorial Death March April 1.**

each other. We were down to running one minute and walking one minute,” said Harris.

Overcoming adversity, the Eighth Army and 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. teams finished in 2nd and 8th places in the Team Military Male Heavy category with respective times of 5 hours, 25 minutes 4 seconds and 7:23:33.

Cruz completed her challenging ordeal finishing 7th in the Military Female Heavy (individual) category with a time of 9:23:56.

The team from 2nd Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment took 1st place in the Team Military Male Heavy category with a time of 5:20:34. The British team from the 47th Regiment, Royal Artillery finished third with a time of 5:35:22.

Throughout the competition, sand stung their eyes and rubbed against the blisters on their feet. They ran through 75 percent of the grueling 26.2-mile course enduring cramps, heat exhaustion and pain. But their pain was incomparable to that felt by those who suffered the real 65-mile death march as prisoners of war 59 years ago.

“You can complain about your pain and now you have a different recollection of that word. What we did does not even compare to what they went through, and they survived,” said Clark.

Next year’s Bataan Memorial Death March will be held April 14, 2002. For information visit the White Sands Missile Range Website at [www.wsmr.army.mil](http://www.wsmr.army.mil)



**From (left) back: Staff Sgt. Jason Clark, 1st Lt. Zachary Hohn, Capt. Mark Crisman, 2nd Lt. Charles Romero and Capt. Chad Quayle. Front: 1st Lt. Chris Harris, Spc. Wanda Cruz and Capt. Osvaldo Ortiz.**

# Our military spouses -People who count!

by Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz

My theme for this CINC Huddle with you is “Our military spouses – people who count!” This year, May 11 was Military Spouses Appreciation Day. Around the world, our armed forces communities saluted and acknowledged the tremendous contributions of our great military spouses.

Indeed, our military spouses are a mainstay of the United States military — always have been and always will be! Let me share with you why military spouses are people who count.

First, military spouses are powerful and contributing members of our communities. It is through their sense of volunteerism, participation in readiness groups, or government employment that our communities function so proudly.

Every day, a military spouse can be found volunteering at one of a dozen key non-profit activities or working with a local charity – priceless!

Just take a look at our local Department of Defense Dependent Schools, for example. You will find our spouses serving as teachers, mentors, tutors, and volunteers – incredible!!

Simply put – military spouses bring life to so many of our community activities. We can never thank them enough.

Second, we cannot forget their daily sacrifices. Our military spouses often endure frequent, and sometimes long separations from their loved ones. We all know that military duties require separation because of training, schooling

and deployments.

It is the price we pay as free people to protect our way of life and that of our allies.

In Korea, particularly, with almost 95 percent of the military serving a short tour, the sacrifices are tremendous.

Nevertheless, it is through their family members’ sacrifices, love and understanding that those in uniform can proudly serve. In addition, their encouragement, determination, and pride strengthen our armed forces and our nation as a whole.

Military spouses really count!

They count because they are the bedrock of our families and the cornerstone of our communities!

We are so blessed by their values, loyalty, and faith in our profession; likewise, military spouses make a huge difference in our lives, communities and our mission.

The contributions of our military spouses remind me of what a famous football coach, Vince Lombardi, once said.

“It is time for us all to stand and cheer for the doer – the one who recognizes the challenges and does something about it.”

Those are powerful words and speak volumes about the doers – military



Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz

Commander in Chief: United Nations  
Command and ROK/U.S. Combined  
Forces Command  
Commander: U.S. Forces Korea

spouses – who rise above the challenges and make life better for us all. It’s about having a winning spirit!

It is through this pervasive winning spirit that our communities thrive and our service members succeed!

In closing, our military spouses are winners in every respect of the word. Thank you for all that you do, so that we may serve with honor, pride and conviction.

God bless our military spouses!

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# Hooah!!!

## KATUSAs and U.S soldiers pulling together!!



Story and photos by Pfc. Kim, Nam Kwan

*The members of Eighth United States Army Troop Command play together in a game of tug of war.*



“Together we stand” is the motto that has exemplified the ongoing relationship between U.S. and Korean Augmentee to the U.S. Army soldiers for the past 51 years.

To celebrate this bond and KATUSA contributions, Eighth U.S. Army established an annual celebration to recognize the difference KATUSA soldiers make to combat readiness and to promote cohesiveness between KATUSA and U.S. servicemembers stationed in Korea.

It started as ‘KATUSA Day’ in Camp Casey in 1978, and has grown bigger and bigger, evolving into KATUSA Week, to the now KATUSA / U.S. Soldier Friendship Week, which is celebrated throughout all areas on the peninsula.

During the KATUSA / U.S. Soldier Friendship Week, participants played various kinds of sports such as soccer, volleyball, softball, Ssi-rum (a Korean style of wrestling), tug of war, basketball and cavalry battle. And they played those games just as they work together, as one team.

“This was a chance for the KATUSAs to try our American games and for our U.S. soldiers to learn some Korean sports,” said 1st Lt. Nathan Rinaldi, assistant platoon leader, Base Platoon, 61st Maintenance Co., in Camp Red Cloud. “And it was also a good chance to build team spirit in the units.”

ROK Sergeant Major Kim, Jong Kook, ROK Army Staff Office, 34th Support Group, in Yongsan, said, “It was not an easy job to prepare this week event, but I think that we had a great time as a together, and it will be a very precious memory to both KATUSA and U.S. soldiers.”

At the end of KATUSA / U.S. Soldier Friendship Week perhaps everyone agreed they had a good time all over Korea. It was a week of fun and relaxation. It was sort of recess for soldiers who served from both great countries.



Pvt. Joshua Riva, 50th Engineer Co., left, and 2nd Lt. Dustin Berger, Aviation Brigade, compete in Ssi-rum, a Korean style of wrestling at Camp Casey.

*Sgt. Mark Porter*



*Pvt. Jang, Dong Woo*

*U.S. soldiers and KATUSAs from Camp Henry sprint at the beginning of a 10K.*



## Troop Talk with the CINC

**Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of monthly articles addressing issues and concerns of military forces serving within the U.S. Forces Korea. USFK Commander General Thomas A. Schwartz routinely visits the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines stationed on the Korean peninsula and conducts Sensing Sessions to receive feedback on issues ranging from military service to quality of life. The following topics were raised during recent visits.**

**Question:** Is there any way to get any of our exercises deconflicted w/ the school schedule, i.e. days the kids are out of school.

**Response:** We are extremely sensitive to the impact our exercise schedule has on our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines, and their families. The time spent planning and executing our exercise program is significant. Over the course of a year, in the Combined Forces Command alone, we have ULCHI FOCUS LENS (UFL), FOAL EAGLE and RECEPTION, STAGING, ONWARD MOVEMENT and INTEGRATION (RSOI), nine one-week conferences, and four RAPID THUNDER exercises. These events are scheduled two to three years in advance as part of the Joint Chiefs of Staff worldwide scheduling. So you can imagine the careful scheduling needed to deconflict these events with other readiness events including numerous holidays, summer turnover, etc. The Department of Defense Dependent Schools schedule does figure prominently into our planning—we make every effort to deconflict winter and spring vacations. Because readiness is so critical, on some occasions, we simply can't work around a single off day for the school system.

The exercise divisions will continue to work closely with DoDDs officials to provide more information to the schools so they can be prepared for the conflicts that arise. This should help take some of the pressure off our hard working parents.

**Question:** When filing a claim for items damaged in your household goods or hold baggage, they automatically get depreciated regardless of how old it is. Can something be done about this?

**Response:** The Personnel Claims Act (PCA) authorizes the payment of soldiers' and civilian employees' claims for the fair market value of personal property lost, damaged, or destroyed incident to government service. The PCA is a gratuitous payment statute, but it is not insurance coverage and does not replace a servicemember's need for private insurance coverage for personal property.

The PCA, in its current form, is intended to compensate claimants for only the fair market value of their loss. Except in unusual cases, a used item that has been lost or destroyed is worth less than a new item of the same type.

Many factors affect the amount of depreciation taken on a particular item such as the type of item, purchase date, and its pre-shipment condition. The price of a replacement item must be depreciated to award the claimant only the fair value of the lost or destroyed item.

Average yearly and flat rates of depreciation have been established to determine the fair value of used property in various categories; these rates are listed in the Allowance List – Depreciation Guide, found in Department of the Army Pamphlet 27-162. The decision to adjust an item's

depreciation rate usually requires an inspection of the item by the claims office. Yearly depreciation is not taken during periods of storage, and normally no depreciation is taken on repair costs or replacement cost for items less than six months old, excluding the month of purchase and the month the claim accrued. Currently, soldiers may purchase shipping insurance from the carrier through their Installation Transportation Office. The additional coverage, called "Option 1" and "Option 2" insurance, provides additional coverage and payment for an increased dollar amount of protection for individual property or for full replacement cost, depending upon the option.

**Question:** What can be done about the lead contamination problem in the low-rises of Hannam Village? The engineers are aware of it, but can't determine what to do.

**Response:** The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine performed a study in February-March 1999 in order to provide Eighth U.S. Army information on the existence and severity of lead hazards in Army family housing. CHPPM surveyed 52 of the 216 low-rise units in Hannam Village. Results reflected the presence of small amounts of lead, but did not reflect a widespread or severe problem with lead contamination.

For those areas in which lead was found, the vast majority of CHPPMs recommendations were to "manage in place," with no immediate action required to remove the lead. The report also concluded that the source of this lead was outside air; it did not come from within the apartment. Actions have been taken to fix the problem in all other areas.

We will continue to monitor and appropriately manage the lead hazards and potential lead hazards in Hannam Village low-rise apartments through a combination of occupant education, inspection, and repair of hazard areas.



# MEDIC!!! MEDIC!!!

**By Pfc. Jimmy Norris**  
**Area I Public Affairs**

Spc. Justin Weeks, 552nd Military Police Company, low-crawled to the nearest injured soldier and began assessing his injuries. Weeks was panting from sprinting up the steep terrain, and sweat streaked down his camouflaged face.

It was a long way from the starched uniforms and sterile conditions of the aid station where Weeks, a medic, usually works, but the look on his face showed there was no place he'd rather be.

"Only 10 percent of Army medics earn the Expert Field Medical Badge. It's a statement that says I'm an expert at my job and I expect to be recognized as such," said Weeks.

Weeks and the other 162 candidates vying for the badge camouflaged their faces and hands, made their way uphill under fire, assessed casualties and prepared the wounded for evacuation.

This was Weeks' fifth attempt to secure the Expert Field Medical Badge. Whether or not "five" would be his lucky number, only time and trial would tell.

A lot of trials were still ahead for the candidates, who spent April 6-16 training and testing to win what amounts to the brass ring for military medical personnel.

"It's like a quest for us," Weeks said.

"We're all badge hungry, but there is a lot of blood, sweat and tears that goes



**Staff Sgt. Mark Nelson, C Co., 302nd FSB (pictured), and Capt. Tim Brand, C Co., 362nd FSB, Sgt. Kenneth Lewis, C Co., 902nd MI Bn., and Pfc. Mark Horn of C Co., 302nd FSB (not visible) lift a patient overhead.**



*Photos by Yu, Hu Sun*

**EFMB candidates Pvt. Anthony Harvley and Spc. Tamekia Carter, HHC, 44th EN Bn., drag a litter patient from under barbed wire on the litter course. They had to evenly distribute the casualty's weight on the stretcher as they navigated through the course. The lane tested medics' ability to transport wounded past various obstacles to safety.**

into getting this badge," added Pvt. David Bohn, 57th MP Company.

"If your MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) has you eligible for this badge and you don't want it, you need to reclassify," said Spc. Christopher Deets, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry.

All of the military's medical job specialties are eligible to test for the EFMB, but on average only 15 to 20 percent of those who try achieve this mark of excellence, Capt. Jason Wilson, officer in charge of EFMB on the Demilitarized



Zone said.

The EFMB is more than just another special skill badge for many of these soldiers, and they're willing to go through hell to get it.

Four days of intense lane training and two days of grueling tests stand between them and their goal, he continued.

The overall test consists of four lanes simulating combat conditions and demanding the highest levels of skill and coolness under pressure.

Land navigation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, casualty evacuation, radio communication, emergency medical technician tasks, a stretcher obstacle course and nuclear, biological and chemical tasks are some of the challenges that EFMB candidates must face.

Small-arms fire, simulated artillery rounds and smoke are added to intensify the test conditions.

But the most difficult part of the EFMB is the written test, claiming nearly 40 percent of the course casualties, Wilson said.

Taking the test in Korea presents a unique set of challenges.

"Korea presents its own challenges, specifically the terrain. Earning your badge here is quite an accomplishment," said Wilson.

He said much of the EFMB training ground at Warrior Base is almost vertical in some places and the humidity makes heat injuries a threat.

Korea has other challenges as well.

The course is open to Republic of Korea Army soldiers and KATUSA soldiers, which presents a language barrier.

To overcome this problem Wilson had the written test translated into Korean, and included KATUSA soldiers in the cadre to act as trans-



*Alerted to a possible chemical attack, Pfc. Mark Horn, C Co., 302nd FSB and Sgt. Kenneth Lewis, C Co., 902nd MI Bn. (front), mask a casualty as Capt. Tim Brand, C Co., 362nd FSB (rear), don their M40 masks.*



*A Warrior medic assesses a casualty before beginning treatment that can mean the difference between life and death.*

lated into Korean, and included KATUSA cadre to act as translators.

Candidates came from a large number of widely dispersed installations. In the United States, EFMB courses are usually done on a post-wide level.

**"We're all badge hungry, but there is a lot of blood, sweat and tears that goes into getting this badge,"**

Pvt. David Bohn  
57th MP Company

This course is open to soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors stationed throughout Korea and Japan.

"These guys really put in a lot of work and went the extra mile to set the candidates up for success," said Wilson. Even with top-of-the-line instructors and intense training, the EFMB is still very difficult to obtain, Wilson said.

"The candidates who earn it are highly motivated because they want to be the best, Wilson added. "By the time they leave here they will be — even if they don't get the badge."

# 2001 RSO&I integrates U.S., ROK forces – One team One fight



Staff Sgt. Ken Walker

*USFK Commander-in-Chief Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz gives a CINC coin to a Korean Augmentee to the U.S. Army during his visit to Command Post Oscar at Camp Walker, Taegu.*

*Story by Spc. Keisha Lunsford*

We won. We, as in military members, who pulled together as one team during the “real world” field exercises called Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration held in April.

RSO&I is a routine, annual exercise involving forces from the United States and the Republic of Korea in the mid-Spring. The exercise is designed to evaluate and improve the combined and joint coordination, procedures, plans and systems of the ROK and U.S. forces, which demonstrates the commitment to defend Korea.

Believe it or not, every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, Korean Augmentee to the U.S. Army and Department of Defense civilian plays a vital role in the success of this integrated exercise.

“Each of us makes a difference,” commented U.S. Forces Korea Commander-in-Chief Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz during a visit to one of the deployment sites at Command Post Oscar in Camp Walker.

“Anytime you talk about integrating anything, first see what you have, where you are and where you need to go,” said Lt. Col. Patricia A. Spearman, EUSA Operations Center day shift battle

captain during the 2001 RSO&I. EUSA soldiers have been incorporating this approach to successfully mold the U.S. and the Republic of Korea combined forces.

Units from the Demilitarized Zone to some of the reserve units in America participated in a combined effort to win the “real world” war during the exercise.

“It’s like getting married,” said Spearman. “We have to sort out what I can do and what you can do... We have just one mission and one focus.”

Thousands of military members worked together as one team regardless of the different jobs they held during the peninsula-wide RSO&I at different locations. Some of the main sites include Command Post Tango in Seoul and Command Central Seoul.

The deployment for the CP Oscar advanced party to set up living arrangements for everyone began the first week of April. They were the first ones out and the last ones back.

The mission for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, EUSA was to provide services that take care of the soldiers with the help of augmentees from other units, such as living accommodations, meals, transportation and reception.

HHC EUSA coordinated with the S-



Pfc. Park Joon-Yung

*Soldiers from EUSA’s G-4 section load up equipment before the deployment.*



3 section of U.S. Army Troop Command-Korea to lay down the groundwork for the Life Support Area operations. 1st Sgt. Jefferey Morning was in charge of the LSA.

Because the exercise scenario had North Korean forces invading into South Korean territory, the “real world” exercise began April 21 with scud attacks announced over the intercom throughout the exercise.

Some of the other units involved were the 607th Weather Squadron, to keep the leaders informed of future weather conditions; the 307th Signal Company, to help with the communications systems such as phones and antennas; and the 2nd Infantry Division.

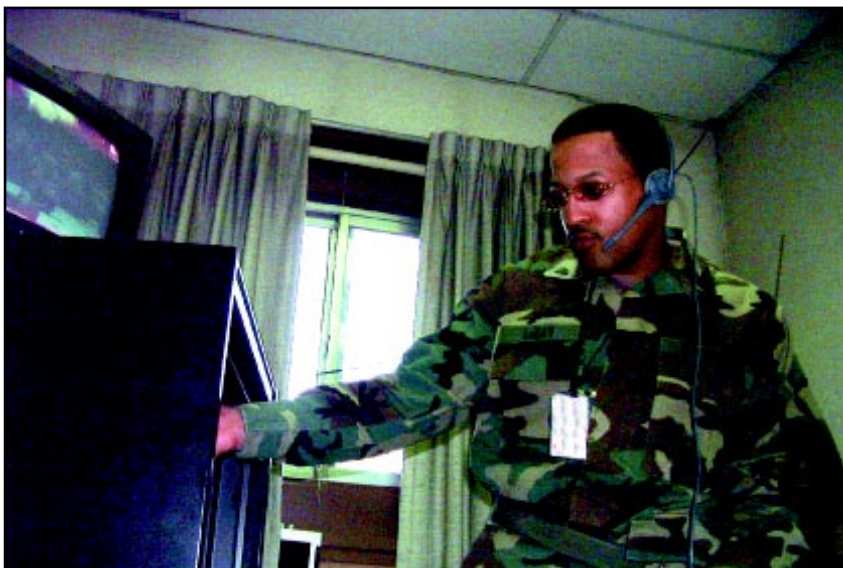
There were many similar impressions of the 2001 RSO&I bestowed on new soldiers in EUSA.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” said Spc. Robin Lee, security check clerk for CP Oscar. This is her first exercise with the unit and has been in the Army for seven months. “I guess in wartime, it won’t go as systematic, so this exercise will help us to understand our role.”

Another soldier feels, “Practice makes perfect and that’s why we’re the best Army around,” said Spc. Trevon Drake, security guard at CP Oscar.

Soldiers from EUSA successfully manned the security gates at CP Oscar, supported MWR tents that sold hotdogs and beverages and played movies 24 hours a day, connected the CINC to other senior military leaders to discuss sensitive information on war tactics, and much more.

For instance, the dedicated staff of the Video Telecon-



*Spc. Keisha Lunsford*

***Spc. Raymond LeDay, systems analyst for the VTC room, performs audio checks for the next conference at CP Oscar.***

ference Control room encountered daily tasks of connecting Gen. Schwartz to other commanders.

“Everyone can’t be in the same site at once,” said Spc. Raymond LeDay, systems analyst for the CP Oscar VTC room, “so that’s where the role of VTC comes in.” The communications system is used as a commander’s tool to support the U.S. Forces Korea commander. It works as a bridge so they can talk live at distant locations. It also eliminates the dangerous situation of all the commanders being in one place at one time.

The VTC staff uses the Global Command and Control System of Korea (GCCS-K), which is a form of warfare software that scrambles the data as it is transmitted over the airwaves from the leaders’ conversation on sensitive information.

For many soldiers working at CP Oscar in Taegu, many felt the 2001 RSO&I offered them a glimpse of what it would be like if war broke out, and an insight of everyone playing their part on the team.

“Overall, it’s great to see how well people have worked together,” said Sgt. 1st Class Bernie Summa of the 307th Signal Company.

“During this exercise, I learned how important it is when it comes to U.S. Armed Forces’ preparation and readiness,” said Sgt. 1st Class Harold Neal of the 19th Theater Support Command. “It shows that we are ready and fit to fight.”

*(Editor’s note: Some information was compiled from articles written in the “Voices of the Hwarang” newsletter during the RSO&I exercise.)*



*Staff Sgt. Ken Walker*

***Air Force Tech Sgt. Garth L. Getgen, forecaster for the 607th Weather Squadron, checks his reference material before releasing his forecast.***



# Medevac training

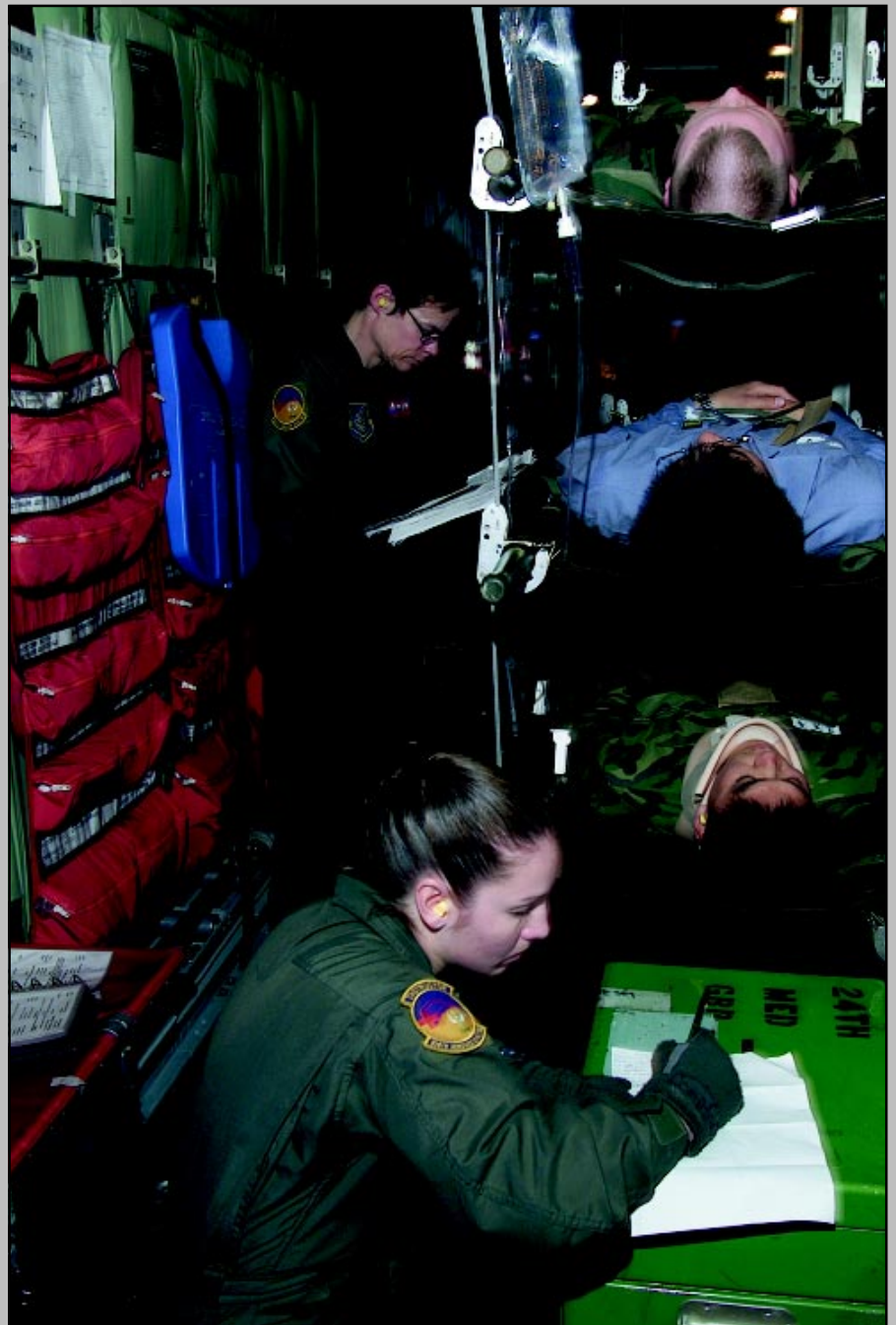
*By Senior Airman Francesca Popp  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Combine four days of flying multiple aircraft types, more than 200 people from three U.S. military services and our host nation and what do you get? Some may think a logistical nightmare, but what resulted were major payoffs in training, and joint, combined and total-force cooperation during a peninsula-wide exercise recently.

Pacific Nightingale III's primary objective was to practice the tactical movement of injured and sick patients from a combat or disaster area in Korea to a mobile staging facility or contingency hospital, and eventually to a permanent hospital off the peninsula, according to Maj. Brian Anderson, 7th Air Force medical plans and operations chief.

To meet this objective, a large part of the exercise consisted of specialized training for the people who would be the primary responders during an aeromedical evacuation contingency or humanitarian operation in Korea.

"The exercise provided training and orientation for aircrews, both aeromedical and flight crews, at the various air fields they might have to fly into during an aeromedical evacua-



*Photos by SSgt Justin D. Pyle*

*Flight Nurse and Medical Crew Director Capt. Melissa Smith and Aeromedical Evacuation Tech. Sgt. Gwen Compton, 374th Aeromedical Squadron Yakota AB, Japan, document patient status on patient evacuation tags. Simulated wounded consisted of Army and Air Force, both American and Korean.*



tion contingency,” Anderson said. “It also gave us the opportunity to train organic medical crews — the people who are stationed or deployed here — on how to prepare aerovac patients in a combat setting.”

Due to the nature of the exercise, Pacific Nightingale provided training that really can’t be gained under other circumstances.

“It provided field training on how to receive and move the kinds of patients we would see in a wartime environment or natural disaster,” said Capt. Timothy Martinez, 51st Contingency Hospital commander at Kimhae Air Base. “This training is absolutely vital to our wartime mission.”

Lieutenant Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 51st CH deployed commander, echoed Martinez’s comments.

“This training is the closest we can come in peace-time to the real thing,” she said.

This sense of urgency was another aspect Pacific Nightingale III exercised when it did a press-to-test of the Air Force’s ability to quickly position forces and equipment where needed.

“We pulled people from their normal day-to-day environments and moved them into a field situation close to a natural disaster or a combat area. Then we made them stand up their wartime task, which is to care for patients and move severely injured patients,” Martinez said, “both of which happened in a short period of time, providing the realism of practicing something they can’t do at home.”

Another twist to the exercise was its joint and combined training aspect.

“This is truly a total-force exercise,” said Col. Tom Barbera, 7th AF surgeon. “We’ve brought reservists and active-duty medical people to a forward-deployed contingency hospital in Korea; plus we’re working with joint and host nation units.”

This first-time interaction and training during Pacific Nightingale III wasn’t limited to the active-duty and reserve Air Force medics. A Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility at Kwang Ju Air Base was also established.



*Litter crews at Kwangju AB, Republic of Korea load simulated wounded servicemembers onto a C-130 from the 95th Airlift Squadron, General Mitchell Reserve Base, Milwaukee, Wis.*



*Flight Nurse Capt. Sherry Killius, 374th Aeromedical Squadron Yokota AB, Japan, secures an evacuation tag onto a patient.*

“The MASF are holding areas, where patients are kept until aircraft are available to transfer them for additional care,” explained Capt. Brandon Diamond, 374th Aeromedical Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan. “We received excellent support from Detachment 3, 607th Material Maintenance Squadron’s commander and staff at Kwang Ju, when we deployed in on a C-130. Within a few hours, we were able to set up our MASF operations. The rotary wing training we were provided was phenomenal.”



# Make a difference. . .

## VOLUNTEER

*Story by  
Spc. Nicole Adams*

They are everywhere. Whether working at the library, the hospital, the youth centers, or the schools, volunteers are a huge part of the military community and, as volunteer week was April 22-28, it is time that their story is heard.

Volunteers could do so many things besides give up their valuable free time. Instead, they choose to give aid to the community, making it flow and run even more smoothly, and they receive no monetary reimbursement for their hard work.

The Army Community Service provides many services to the



*Photo by Spc. Nicole Adams*

*A volunteer makes children from the military community laugh while he gives them candy canes.*



military community through support of volunteers, which give them opportunities to make a difference in times of war and peace.

Without volunteers in the military community, full-time staffs wouldn't be able to reach maximum capacity, according to Sim Haines, Area I installation volunteer coordinator.

And in addition to sustaining the military community and meeting mission requirements, volunteering helps family members integrate into the military lifestyle.

But there are quite a few reasons why many turn to volunteering.

Vicki Kingston, Camp Henry installation volunteer coordinator says people volunteer to gain job skills and meet new people.

With this in mind, servicemembers constantly move to different duty stations all over the world wherever their branch of service thinks they need to be. Their spouses and children

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often support them silently by giving back to the military community while dealing with new changes in their quality of life on a base and finding new jobs that suit the military lifestyle.

"The best way to find employment

# HELPING OUT



Photo by Spc. Nicole Adams

*A volunteer from the Thrift Shop measures a pair of pants for alterations.*

is to volunteer first," said Deloris Quaranta, Yongsan and Area II installation volunteer coordinator.

For military spouses and youths, Quaranta said, "It prepares them for work and it does count. A lot of organizations need volunteers."

ACS offers spouses a chance to gain job experience and sharpen their skills through volunteering for jobs that involve administrative work, event coordination, financial counseling, alcohol and drug abuse prevention and whatever expertise they can bring to ACS.

"As a volunteer, they are encouraged to participate in any community seminars or training courses so they can keep updating their skills," said Kingston.

Quaranta said spouses can search for jobs in the surrounding community through the Family Member Employment Assistance Program which gives them access to various job banks, career planning, self

assessment, effective job hunting skills and writing resumes. Youths are also encouraged to use these services.

Others volunteer to help occupy their time and to contribute to the community, and some volunteer off-base at various orphanages. Haines said because there are few jobs for family members, they volunteer to help keep their days busy.

"I volunteer because I know how life can be tough on children, especially those who have no parents," said Staff Sgt. Mark S. Crane, ammunition/training noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment/ Co. A, 2nd Forward Support Bn., who volunteers at the local orphanage. "It also helps me pass the time and keep my mind off the family that I left behind."

For retired Air Force Lt. Col. Jake Arenas, he said "I'm just looking for something to do. I found out I can't sit home." He is in the process of

## Volunteers make a difference

becoming a volunteer member for the Red Cross at the 121st General Hospital on Yongsan Army Base.

Air Force Master Sgt. Roxann M. Columbus, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron education and training manager, volunteers because she feels it is her duty. "I believe it is my responsibility as a U.S. servicemember to give back to whatever community I am stationed at. It is what every servicemember should do."

Whether pushed by responsibility or desire, servicemembers all gain something from their service.

"The most rewarding part of volunteering is seeing that you are making a difference in peoples lives. I gain a sense of accomplishment," said Barbara E. Smith, Camp Humphrey's installation volunteer coordinator.

*(Editor's note: Spc. Keisha Lunsford contributed to the article.)*



*Courtesy photo*

**Brenda Coates, volunteer for the Family Advocacy Program, makes "flubber" with the kids during a volunteer celebration at Camp Humphreys.**

## Cav. spouse nabs Lindbergh Award for aviation community volunteer efforts

**Story by Bob Warner**  
**Area III Public Affairs**

CAMP HUMPHREYS – For many in today's Army communities, volunteering is a way of life. Many lend hours upon hours just for the personal satisfaction of serving their communities.

Only one each year within an aviation community, however, will receive the coveted Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh award recognizing these selfless efforts.

Her work to improve the lives of families stationed at Camp Humphreys earned the award for Barbara E. Smith, a volunteer at Army Community Service.

"I am honored and so surprised

that I was awarded the AMLA," said Smith. She said co-workers kept it a secret to the end. "It was a complete surprise! I really have a lot of people to thank because all that I was able to do is a direct result of the support and help I received."

Smith, married to Chief Warrant Officer Kyle R. Smith, instructor pilot with A Troop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 6th Cavalry Bde., distinguished herself with untiring efforts in the Family Support arena. Countless hours went toward a number of community betterment projects, one of which was the Army Family Action Program, which helps to make changes at all levels of command.

Smith has been volunteering as the unit's Family Readiness Group leader for two years. She puts volunteer events together for the community. She also helps soldiers and family members have a sense of home while being stationed so far away from home.

"I tried to establish an open support system where all wives felt welcome," she said. "We did functions and events for families, wives and the soldiers."

The Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh is named after the wife of renowned pilot Charles Lindbergh. She flew with her husband to chart new courses for international flight that have since resulted in faster global travel.